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April 16. A summons received from Sir H. Clinton and Admiral Arbuthnot demanding a surrender — N°3 printed N°1. answer N°2.

11 and 12 The enemy employed in completing the batteries of their first parallel, and mounting their Cannon and Mortars.

13. about 10 o'Clock in the forenoon their batteries opened. warm cannonade and bombardment during the day — some buildings burnt by Carcases thrown into the Town.

14. Firing continued on both sides.

15. The enemys second parallel appeared about 4 yards from our advanced work. — The movements of the Shipping indicate an attempt on the Obstructions in Cooper River.

16. The enemy's Cavalry, we are informed, supported by a large body of Infantry had surprised and dispersed Our Horse under Genl Huger near Monk's Corner — a Council of war held this day proceedings N°3 written N°1.

from y^e 16 to the 20. The enemy employed in completing their second parallel, extending from the 12 gun battery on their right to Hampstead-hill. warm firing on both sides —

The enemy's success against Our Horse enabling them to march in considerable force towards St Thomas and Christ Church parishes they oblige

1780 April 20. -es to abandon our designs of
fortifying Cainhoy and Scott's ferry, and
to draw the few troops we could afford
to detach on that business to Lem-
-prier's point, where a small work
is thrown up to cover them.
Information being at this time rec'd
that of the 2000 militia ordered from
No. Carolina, exclusive of 500 Volunteers
whom we had the highest reason to
expect under Gen'l Rutherford, about
300 only were on their march (300
having already arrived) — that the
remainder of Gen'l Scott's brigade, and
the State troops from Virginia might
not soon be expected — having no evi-
-dence that the Militia of this State
were collecting — observing that y'e enemy's
ships were prepared to attempt our ob-
-structions in Cooper river, in which
we had every reason to apprehend they
would succeed as part of them had
been removed by the Current —
Such being the state of our provisions
as to leave us without hope of continuing
the siege for any considerable length
of time (having only 8 or 10 days rations
of meat in store) — it having been
determined that we could not safely
detach a force from the Garrison
sufficient to attack the enemy on
the east side of Cooper river — and
the Engineers having reported that there
was no reason to conclude the enemy
could be prevented entering our Works
by approach in seven days at
farthest — It became necessary

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1780 apl. 20th in this embarrassed state of affairs to
21st collect the sentiments of the General and
the Officers commanding Brigades,
what was most expedient to be done, and
would best conduce to the good of the
service — a Council was held, and after
the most mature deliberation it was de-
-termined by them, as appears by the
proceedings N. N.° 2 - that a retreat was
impracticable, and that Terms of Capitu-
-lation, before Our affairs became more
critical, should be offered, which would
admit of the army withdrawing, and
give security to the persons and property
of the Inhabitants — The Articles (printed)
N.° 5. were accordingly proposed — and
the printed answer N.° 6 received —
Hostilities recommenced — It was re-
-solved to continue the defence, and
promises of assistance were made by
the Civil — private Houses were searched
for provisions - but scarce a sufficiency
for the supply of their families was
discovered.

22nd The enemy's approaches continued —
many Shot and Shells thrown into the
Fort and work.

23rd The enemy's third parallel begun
within a few yards of our out-ditch
— firing continued - Cannon and Musquetry

24. Two hundred Continentals commanded
by Lt Col. Henderson sally from the
advanced battery on our left, and sur-
-prise a party of the enemy in that
quarter of their third parallel — kill
and wound several — and bring off a
serjeant and eleven — with the loss
of Capt. Montrie killed, and two privates
wounded —

1780 April 24. Deserter from the enemy, and the Prisoners brought in this morning, say that a reinforcement of 3000 men had arrived from New York

25. General Dupontail arrives.

26. The enemy take post at Mount Pleasant on Haddrel's point, which had been occupied by a small detachment from Fort Moultrie, who retire — a Council of War held this day proceedings N. N°3.

The enemy's Galley, and armed Sloop move into the Cove, which cuts off the communication with Fort Moultrie

27. The post at Hobcaw is obliged to be abandoned — the enemy moving towards it in force — The Troops and field artillery brought off — 4. 18 pounders spiked and left there — The enemy have now completed the investment, and have a free communication with their fleet on both flanks —

From the 27 of April until the 8 of May the enemy employed in completing their third parallel on which three batteries are erected.

May 7. — Fort Moultrie surrendered by Lieut. Colonel Scott to the enemy.

8. The printed letter N°. 7 is received from Sir H. Clinton. and the articles N°. 11 sent out. — previous thereto, on the receipt of Genl Clinton's letter, a Council composed of all the General and field Officers in Garrison, and Captains of the Continental ships was held — the result of which was the proceedings N°. 4. —

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1780 May 9. The printed articles N°. 17. as answered by Genl. Clinton and Admi. Arbuthnot were received — the printed letter N°. 18 sent out with the alterations — and the printed letter N°. 19 recd. in reply —

The truce ended a very heavy and incessant fire from our lines commenced at 9 and continued during the night —

10. a most incessant firing of musquetry from our lines and the enemy's approaches, — who now fire Cannon from the batteries on their third parallel within 100 yards of our work.

Two of the written petitions from the Town and Country militia recd.

11. The enemy cross our Ditch by sap, and arrive within 20 yards of our work, under the abbatis — two more petitions recd from the Militia —

a Council of Genl. Officers called, who for reasons specified in the proceedings N°. 5. determine that the letter N°. 20 be sent to Sir Henry Clinton, in answ. to which N°. 21. is received.

12. The Articles (N°. 17 printed) being reciprocally ratified and exchanged — the Continental Troops march out and pile their Arms, and the British take possession of the Town —

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